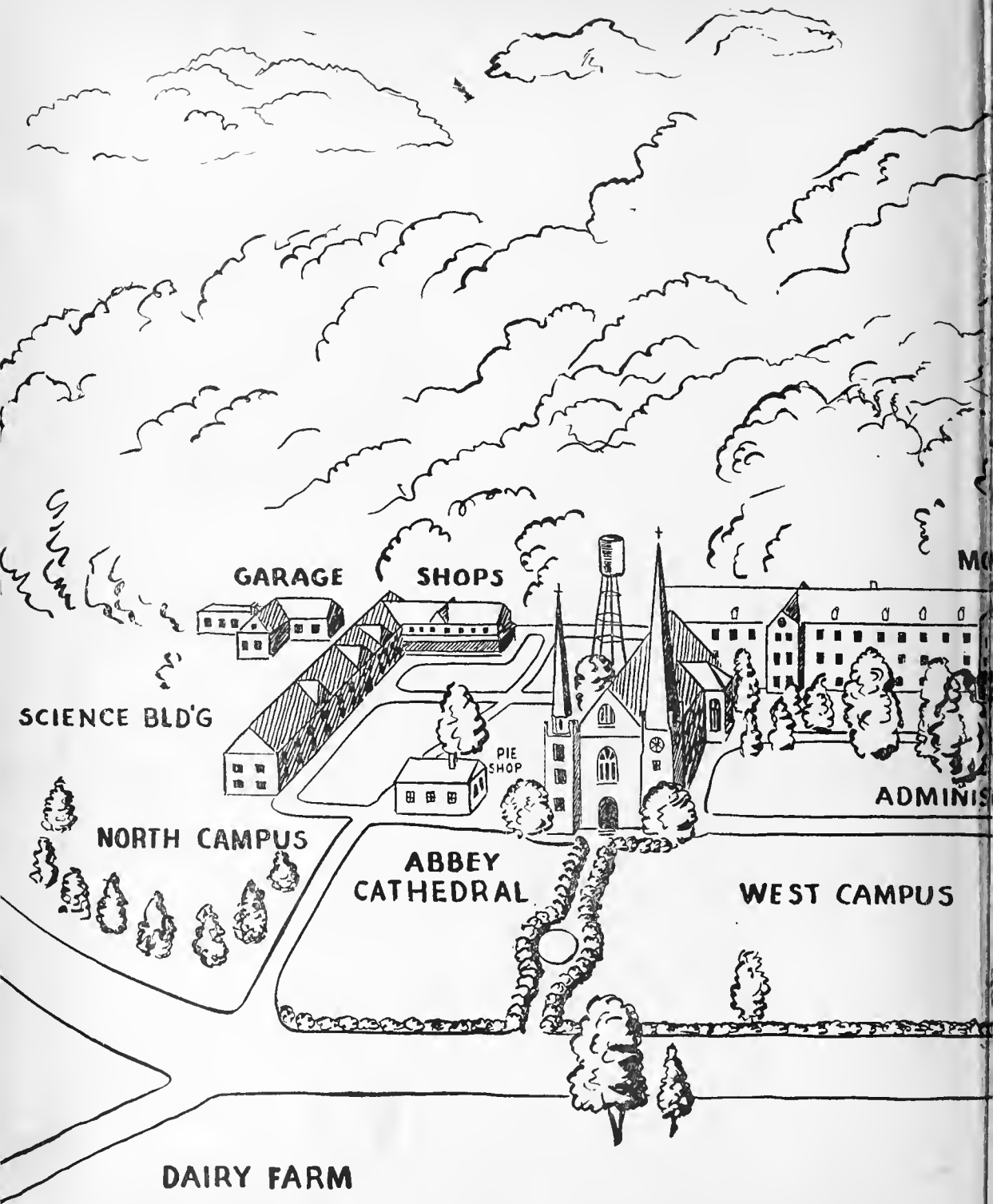




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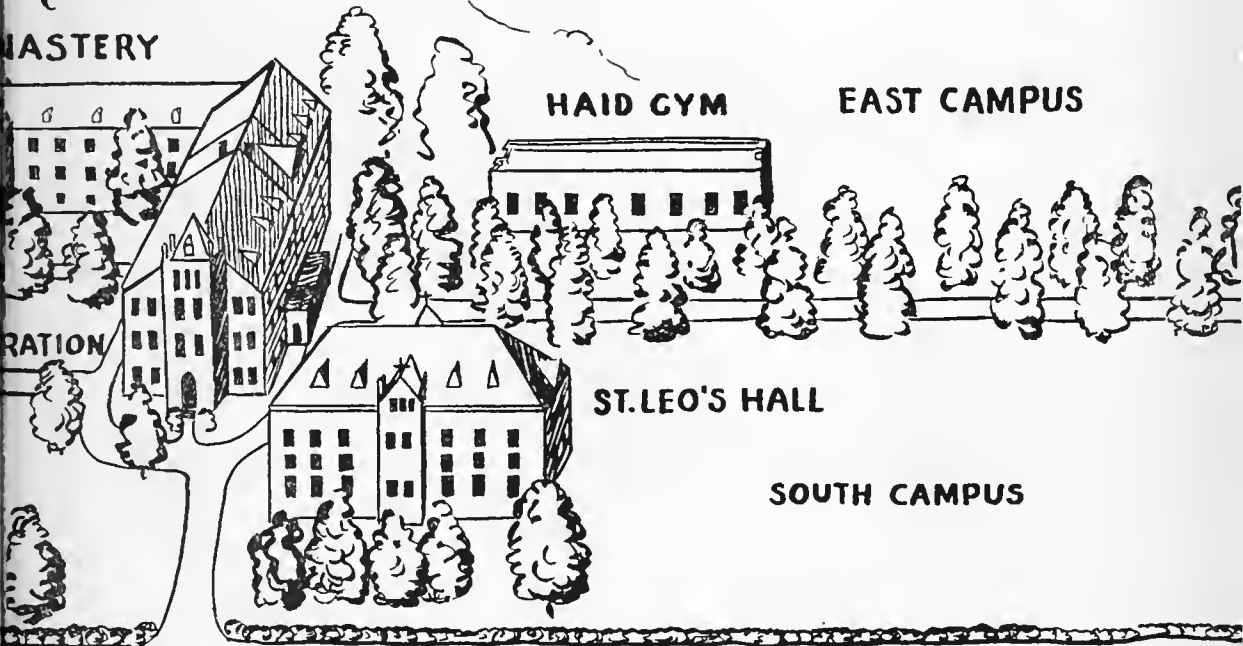
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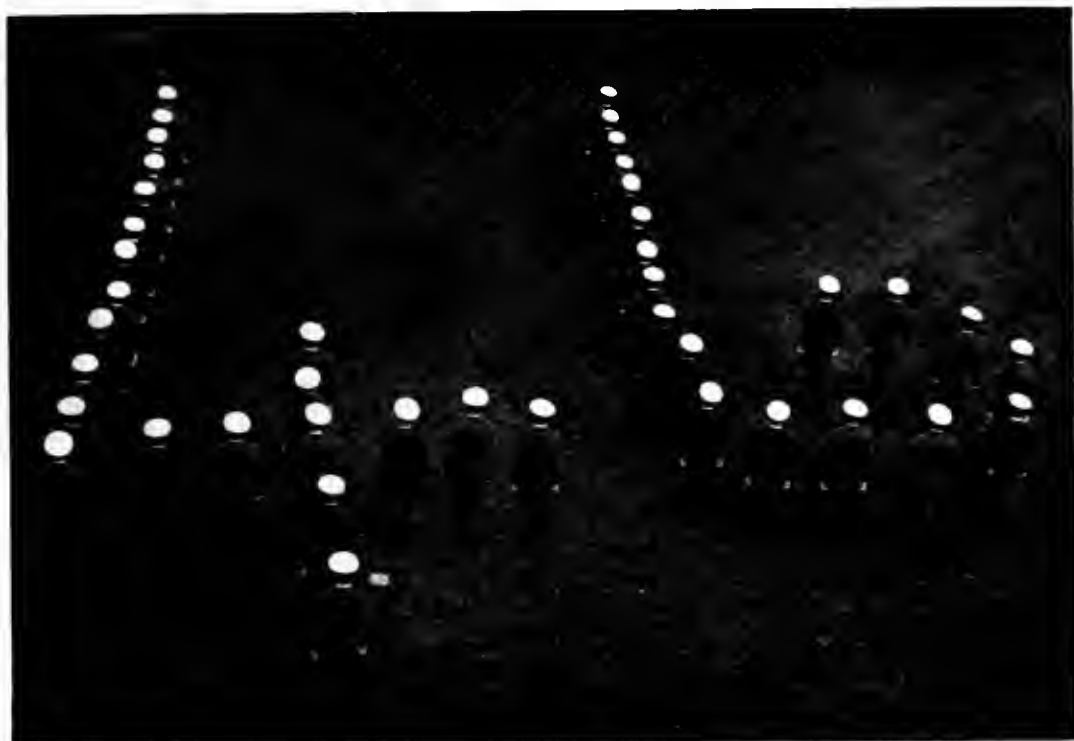
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FOREWORD

PEACE at last! and Abbey settles down to normal routine and the traditional spirit. Four years of war brought many changes but the spirit is still the same. A new era is a-borning and the bright vistas of the future beckon. Old faces are again to be seen in their wonted places, young Abbeymen are enriched by contact with, and the experiences of, veterans from far-flung battlefields. To catch this spirit, this first year of peace, so that we may look back and see classmates, pals, friends—Abbeymen all! That is the motif of this 1946 SPIRE.

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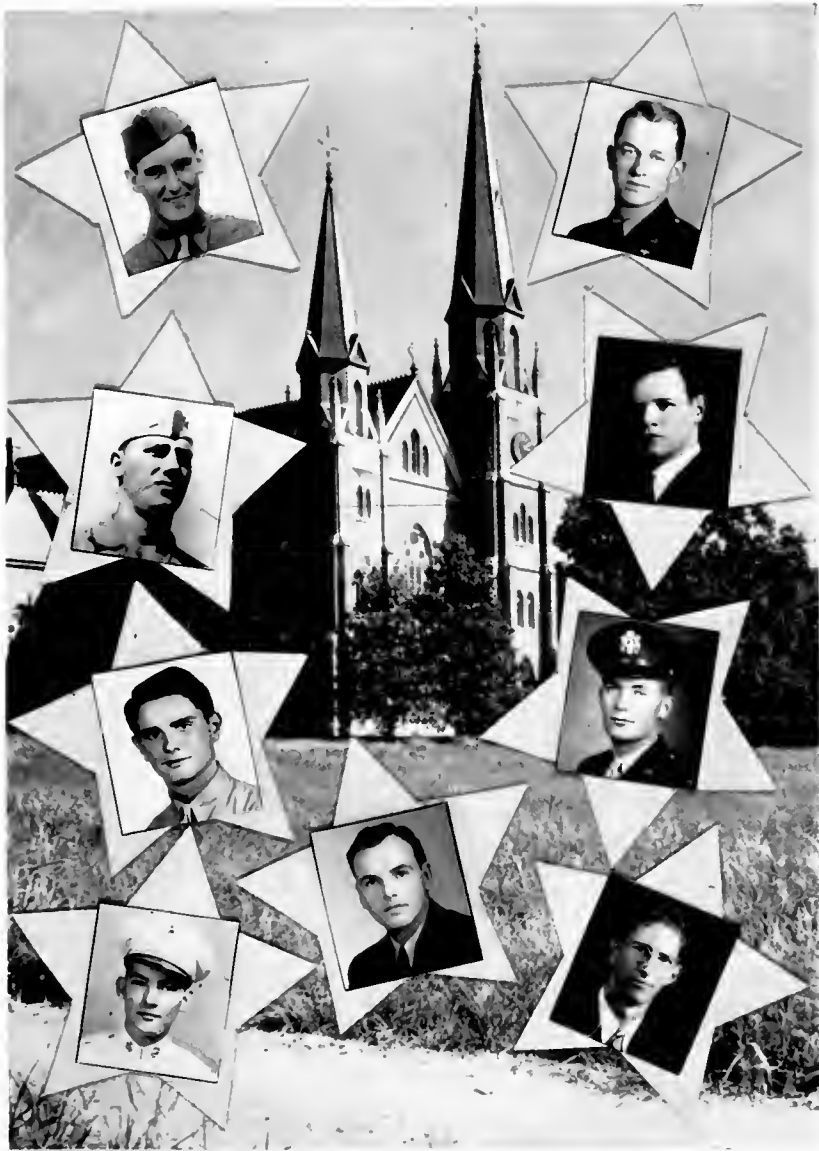
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BESSEMER CITY, N. C.

"Amby"

"Here dwells no frown nor anger"

Ambrose has a quite unassuming nature but active withal. Here is a case of "Still waters run deep". Bessemer City is too small for Amby, and, outside of the hunting season, he will prepare for Pharmacy.



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"Herky"

"He and his monstrous rout are heard to howl"

A photographic genius, Herky is never seen without his camera. Active in campus programs, he was the right hand man of Boyer, and as Business Manager of SPIRE he made it financially possible to publish this book. The business world is just waiting for him.



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CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Bill"

"Ambition should be made of sterner stuff"

Six years at the Abbey has made Bill a typical Abbeyman—student, athlete, gentleman. Ambitious for the better things of life, he will continue at either Notre Dame or Duke, in Business.

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"To walk the studious cloisters pale"

Always a smile, always a kind word; always busy, never ruffled. And Father is a musician too. His most striking characteristic is the sincerity of his voice; running this a close second is his superb but rare humor.



JAMES W. STEWART

BELMONT, N. C.

"Casanova"

"What are the bugles blowing for"

Living in a world his own, sometimes oblivious of the distractions around him, Wilson is, nevertheless, ambitious, optimistic, and has definite ideas of his future. He will succeed!



FRATER THOMAS W. STUMPF, O.S.B.

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"Forgive me this, my virtue"

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

"Tommy"

"Thy rapt soul sitting in thine eyes"

A quiet lad, but there is power when he speaks. With a mind of his own, he is a good student; active too—basketball manager. Tom knows what he wants and he'll get it.



JAMES E. BOYER
BELMONT, N. C.

"Jim"

"Self fed and self consumed"

Jimmy is a man of action: An honor student—a campus leader. Editor of both *Contact* and *SPIRE*, he has made this annual possible. Being a thinker, he is bound to succeed.

WILLIAM H. BOYER
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
"Bill"

"A rhapsody of words"

The epitome of modern youth, he is good looking and easy going. A better mind than he demonstrates, he takes the line of least resistance. But give him time.



ROY S. BRANDON
CRAMERTON, N. C.
"Roy"

"There the action lies in his true nature"

Serious and quiet but with a sense of humor. Roy has a disarming smile and avoids all work—he is happy to be a day student.



SENIORS

ROBERT W. BRASWELL

MURPHY, N. C.

"Slick"

"Sober, steadfast, and demure"

A veteran and ambitious. Very conscientious; studies hard, but is quiet and friendly. Slick is one of Nature's noblemen with no artificiality. A true Abbeyman.



MAURICE O. CASEY, JR.

NORFOLK, VA.

"B. O. Plenty"

"Oh Mary Ann, thou hast cleft my heart in twain!"

A letter-a-day Casey, a born athlete, he plays football, basketball and baseball—wow! Tall, dark and handsome, he knows his power—at least with Mary Ann.



HERBERT J. CLARK

DARLINGTON, S. C.

"Bert"

"Conveyed the dismal tidings when he frowned"

An Abbey vet, Bert is quiet but optimistic. He has an unassuming personality and a radiant friendship. A good sport and generous.



JOSEPH H. COFFEY

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Joe"

"Thou art c'er as just a man"

A good student and football player. Joe has been at the Abbey four years. He is very likeable and loyal to his friends. Aspires to be a C.P.A.



P R E P

FELIX H. DOVER

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Felix"

"So buxom, blithe, and debonaire"

Felix has a personality that can't be beat. A mainstay on the football team, he is sincere and conscientious, and will make his mark.



MAXIME L. DUCHARME

WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Max"

"The cynosure of neighboring eyes"

A happy-go-lucky fellow, handsome, plays football, and loves a good bull session. His effervescent friendliness and his gentlemanly manner has won many friends for him during his past four years at the Abbey. He is a cadet lieutenant.

DENNIS C. DUNN

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Denny"

*"Come and trip it as you go,
on the light fantastic toe"*

Denny is full of humor, an excellent actor and likes football. He has quite a repertoire of jitterbug steps, and ranks cadet captain and president of his class.



EDWARD J. FAHEY

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

"Ed"

"For apparel oft proclaims the man"

Ed is a typical New Yorker; frequents Charlotte, is a good football player, and displays a becoming smile. He is vice-president of his class and captain of Company "A".



SENIORS

CHARLES A. GEORGE

GREENSBORO, N. C.

"Sleepy"

"Rarely, rarely comest thou"

Possesses an incomparable ability to sleep. A likeable chap, rather slow, but well meaning, and a lieutenant on the staff.



BOYCE J. HANNA

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Jackson"

"The hidden soul of harmony"

One of Gastonia's leading radio announcers, Boyce has a large group of friends. He is also a football player but stays on light duty as much as possible. Radio is his field.



ANDREW T. HEALY, JR.

MIAMI, FLA.

"Drew"

"By whispering winds soon lulled to sleep"

Drew is tall, lanky, and good looking. He plays halfback, and is on the baseball team. Occasionally he is caught napping but his mind is wide awake—you know, the spirit is willing, etc.



CHARLES W. JENKINS, JR.

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Silver"

"To old experience due attain"

Silver is an Abbey veteran, friendly, talkative, and can be heard in practically every bull session. His favorite haunts are the Minute Grill and Gene's Soda Shop.





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RICHARD W. KIMBROUGH

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

"Dick"

"Hail goddess of nocturnal sport"

After four years of service, Dick is an active and enthusiastic Abbey vet. His quiet manner and serious mien fools no one because he is earnest and sincere. His main interest is at S. H. C., and absorbs all his time. A good student, he finds time for the one "interest".



JOHN W. MALONEY, JR.

CHARLESTON, S. C.

"Bill"

"Jest, and youthful jollity"

That he is from Charleston is enough to describe Bill, but his popularity is deserved. Happy and optimistic, his lilting laugh is infectious and gets Bill out of many difficulties. A cadet lieutenant, he is a leader of his men.

FRED V. NAPOLEONE

FRESNO, CALIF.

"Nap"

"He fills the air with barbarous dissonance"

Here is a lad whose scrapes never perturb him. His ready smile gives him balance, though his grin may mean mischief. Popular and well liked, this Californian is part of the Abbey. As first sergeant he carries his heavy duties lightly.



JOHN M. NEILSON

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Johnny"

"What a grace was seated on his brow"

Popular day student, Johnny is busy about many things. A man you look at twice, he is nevertheless serious in his activities. Co-captain of the football team, he sparked the spirit of the Ramblers that won them many victories. Johnny will be successful and a leader.



SENIORS

PATRICK J. NORTON

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

"Pat"

"To give the world assurance of a man"

Hailing from Ireland, handsome Pat is a real he-man. At Abbey, Pat has definite plans toward which he exerts all his energies. We hope his son grows up to be like his dad.



HUGH F. SCOTT, JR.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

"Skippy"

"With stores of ladics whose bright eyes ruin influence"

Skip, with his lightheartedness and musical laugh, is Abbey's gift to the ladies. He has grown in popularity and as first sergeant of Company "B", he combines authority with congenial good comradeship. Carrying responsibility he has the power to cover it with impish good fun.



THOMAS P. SMITH

WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Smitty"

"Whose power hath a true consent"

As cadet major, Smitty has had great responsibilities throughout the year. Yet, his balance and judgment, his leadership, participation in all sports and campus activities, have demonstrated his virtues, which are built on sincerity and understanding. He is authority in the field, a pal on the campus, a friend to all—a true Abbeyman.



SIMMONS SPAIN

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Steve"

"And laughter holding both his sides"

The life of the party, Steve is too little on the campus. A day student from Charlotte, he was a spark of the football team and his popularity is based on his sense of humor that lightens any situation.



WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Buddy"

"I wander through each chartered street"

Buddy is a quiet unassuming day student. He is all business, here to study and learn knowledge before the Army calls him. Yet this seriousness gives him character and he has become a friend to all.





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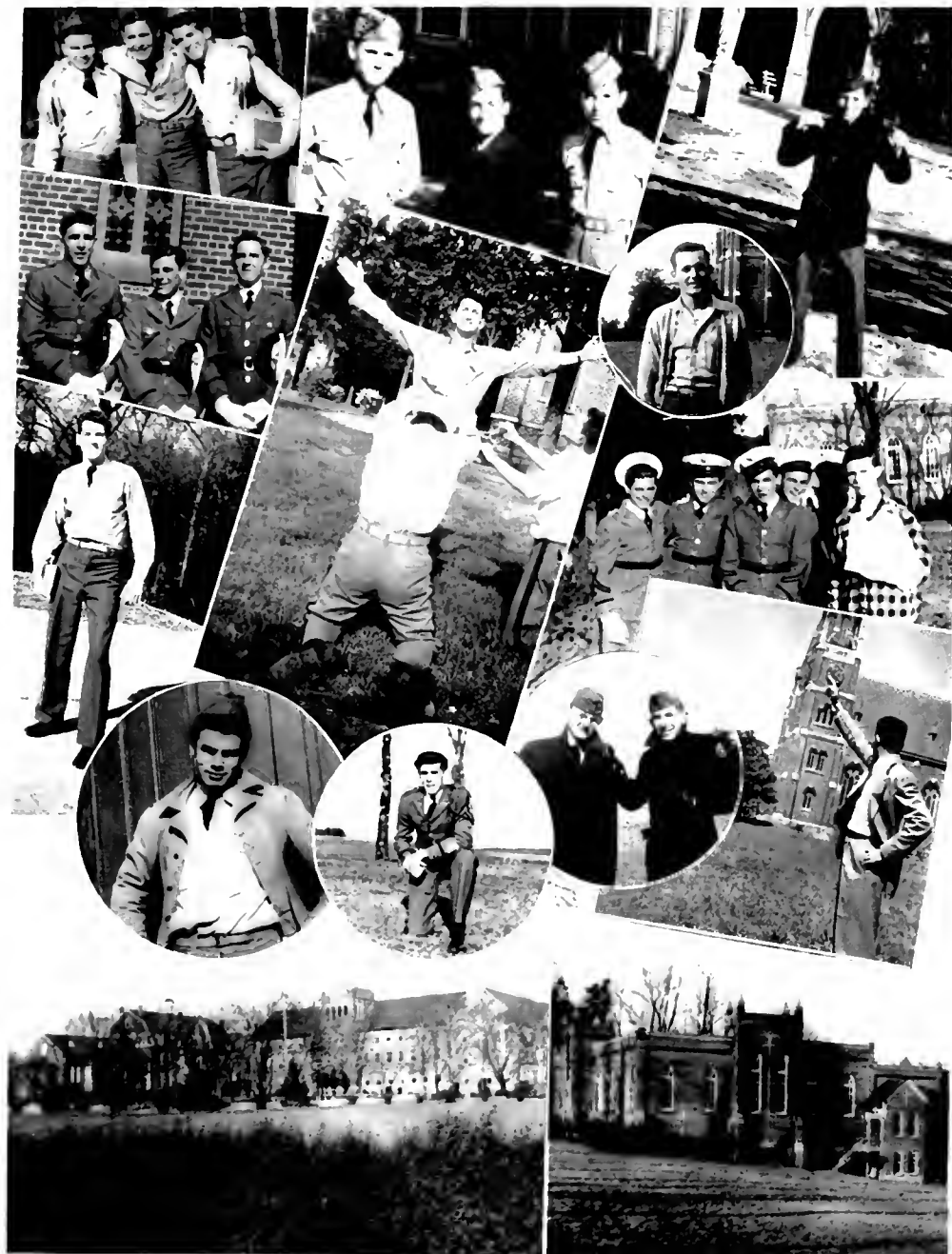
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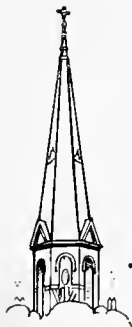
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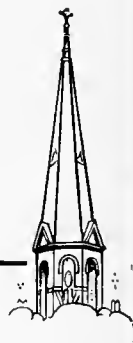
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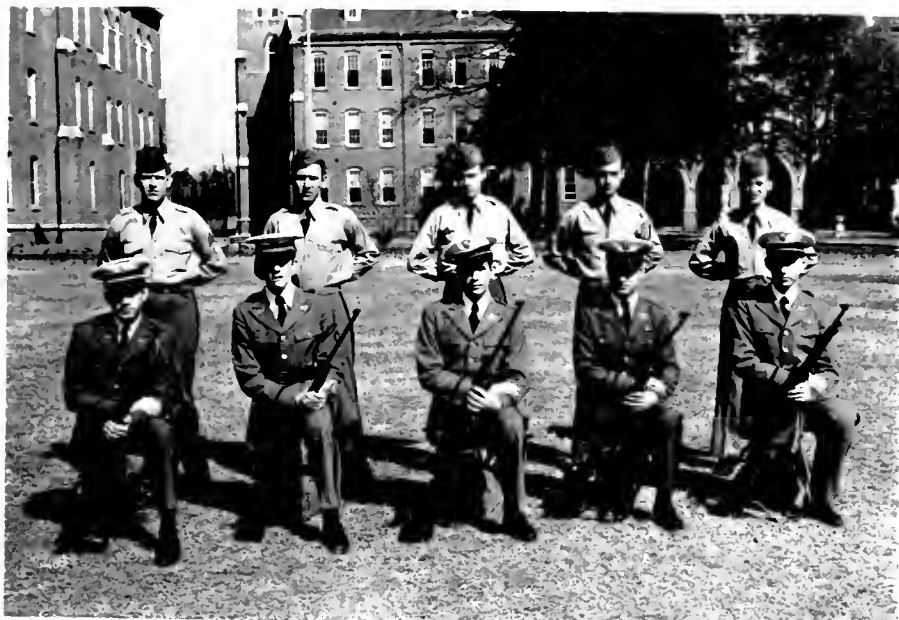


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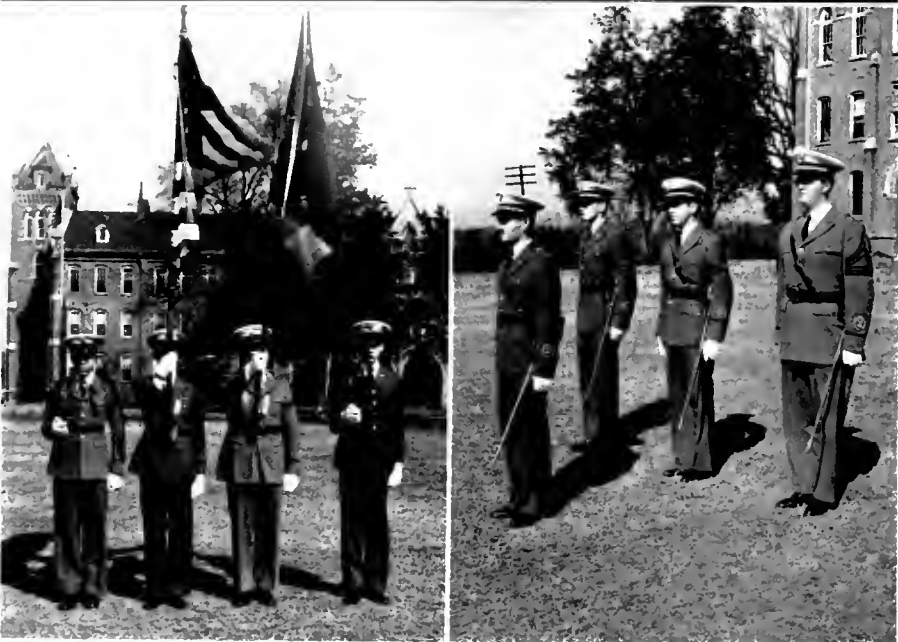


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RESULTS

Clover	20	Abbey	13
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Mt. Holly	0	Abbey	6
Bishop England	0	Abbey	12
Lincolnton	26	Abbey	13
Augusta	13	Abbey	20
Belmont High	12	Abbey	20
Central "B"	0	Abbey	19
Tech High	6	Abbey	13



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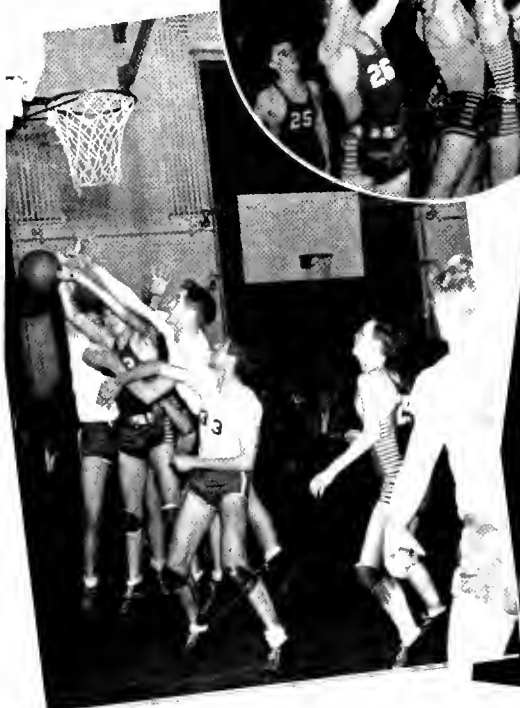


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RESULTS

Gastonia	26	Abbey	20
Benedictine, Va.	18	Abbey	27
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Mt. Holly	36	Abbey	40
Mt. Holly	30	Abbey	52
Spartanburg	45	Abbey	27
Spartanburg	30	Abbey	28
Harding	40	Abbey	32
Harding	45	Abbey	39
Central	41	Abbey	32
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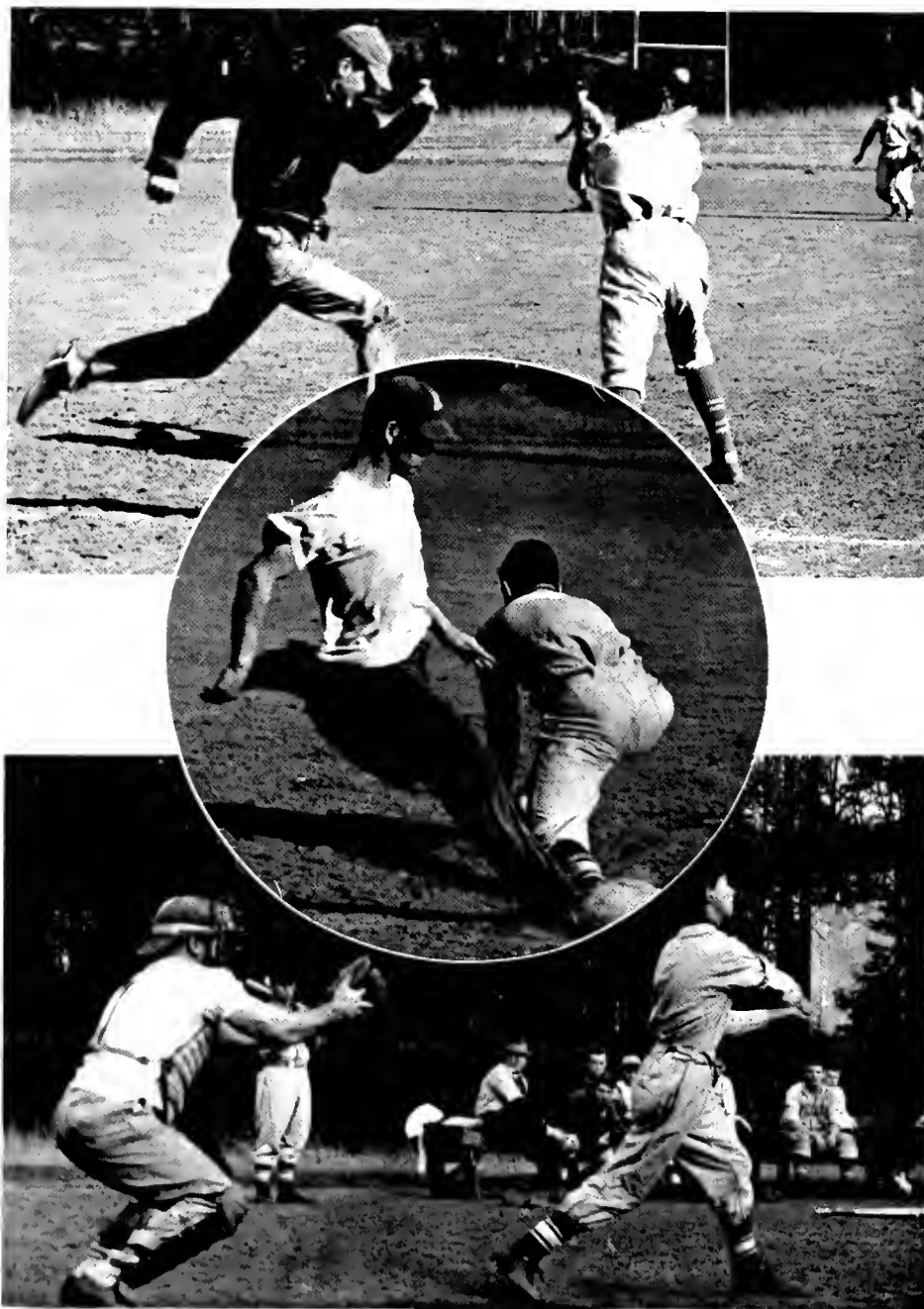


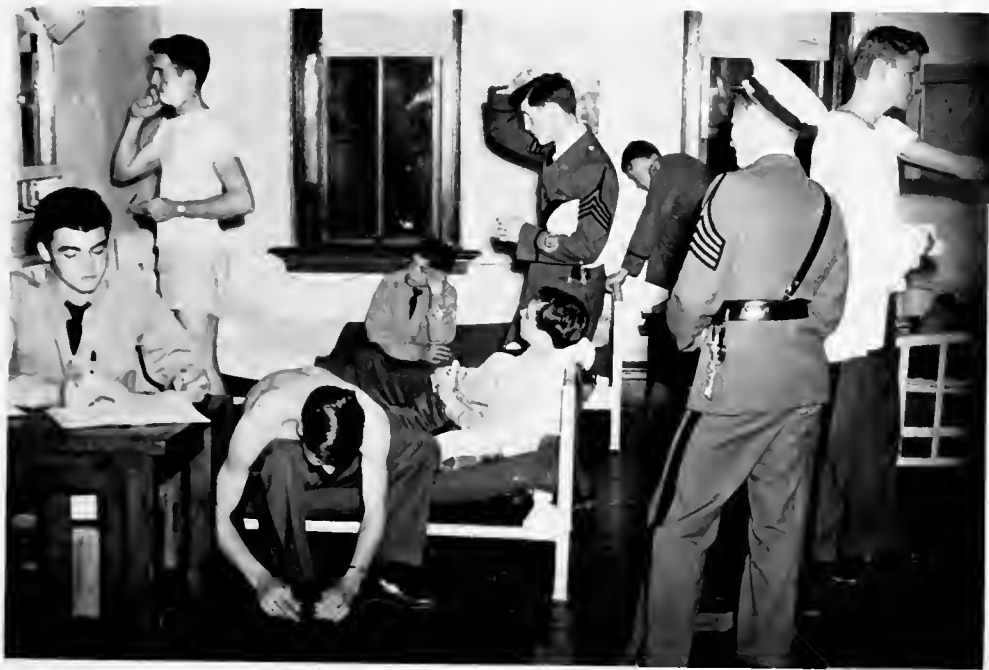
BASEBALL

RESULTS

Tech High	2	Abbey	1
Firestone	4	Abbey	9
Central	3	Abbey	4
Bessemer City	5	Abbey	4
Cramerton Mills	10	Abbey	1
Harding	4	Abbey	2
Paw Creek	6	Abbey	2
Firestone	9	Abbey	5
Belmont	8	Abbey	4
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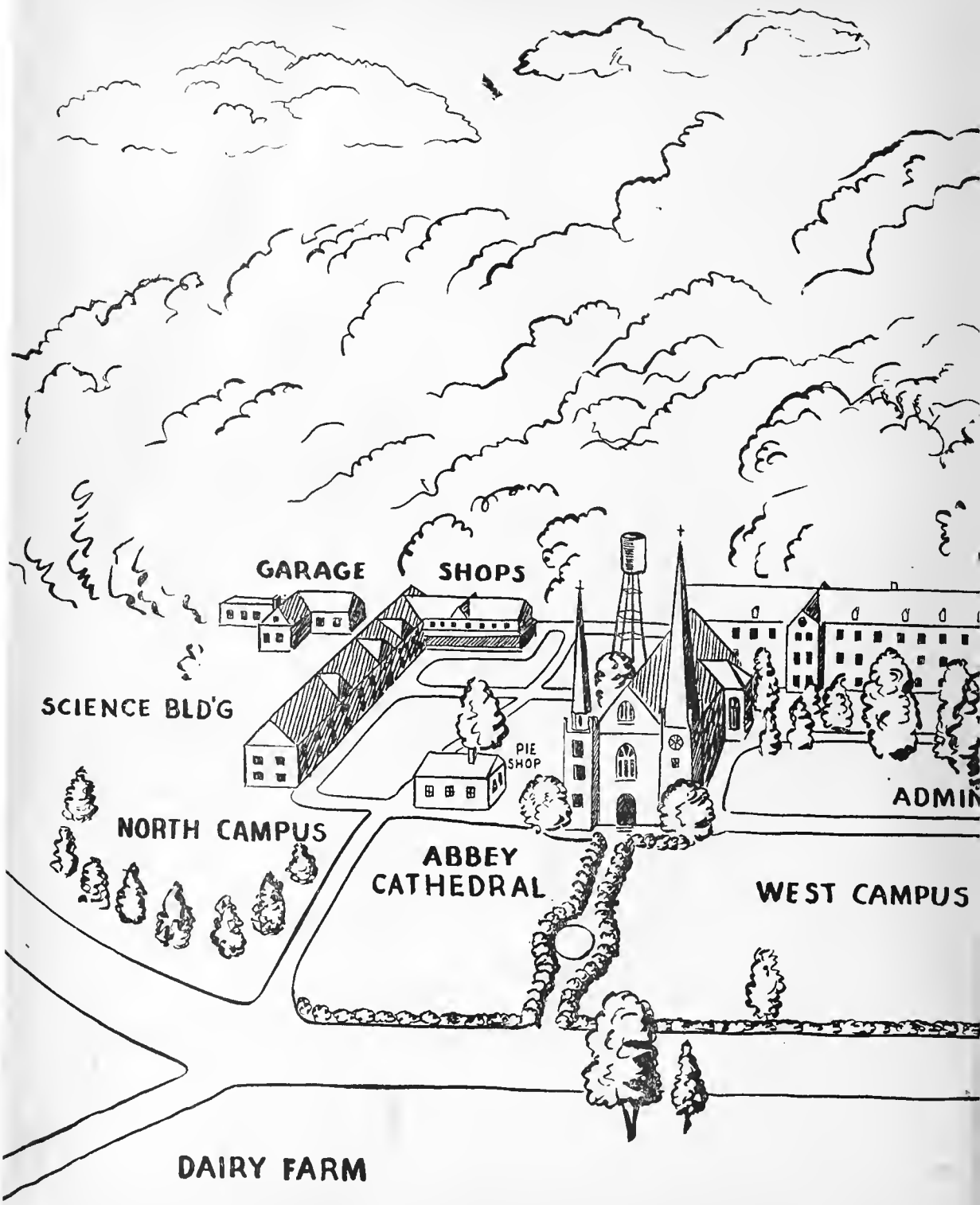


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